

Motions Jan 2016 to March 2017

January 25, 2016- 5.0 Visitors

Jeff Politis, Town Assembly Chairman, asked if there was any objection to having Town Assembly meeting videotaped. No objections were raised.

Unanimous consent to allow the Town Assembly to be videotaped

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January 25, 2016 -9.0 Advisory

Resolution of Recognition of Danny Schweers

Whereas, Danny Schweers diligently served as The Village of Arden's Town Assembly Chair from 2012-2015,

Whereas, during those years he chaired with an inclusive and caring leadership style which resolved several contentious issues,

Whereas, Danny worked collaboratively with the other chairs of the Ardens over the management of Buzz Ware Village Center, and

Whereas, Danny represented The Village of Arden effectively with both New Castle County and the State of Delaware;

Therefore, the Committees, Officers and Residents of Arden do hereby extend to Danny Schweers its sincere thanks and appreciation for his leadership and contributions as Chair of the Village of Arden.

Resolution Unanimously Accepted

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January 25, 2016 11.5 Community Planning

Motion: Town Assembly approves the waivers of registration fee compliant with Ordinance 15 for both Town leaseholders at 1912 Sherwood Road and 2112 Harvey Road. **Motion Unanimously Accepted.**

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March 2016 12.6 Community Planning

Resolution of Recognition of Ruth Bean

Resolution Unanimously Accepted

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March 2016 12.8 Playground Committee

Main Motion

I move that all continuing work on the Arden Green be suspended until:

- a) No part of the mound slide project is more than 6 feet above grade and the plastic slide is no more than 30 degrees from horizontal, and all other listed specifications from the Village meeting minutes and diagrams from when the motion was passed are brought into compliance.
- b) The Village insurance underwriter has deemed the slide and plans safe for use for children less than eight years of age.

Amend Motion

Motion from 6' to 6' 8".

Amended Motion Passed

Original Motion with Amendment of 6'8".

I move that all continuing work on the Arden green be suspended until a) No part of the mound slide project is more than 6 feet 8 inches above grade and the plastic slide is no more than 30 degrees from horizontal and all other listed specifications from the Village meeting minutes and diagrams from when the motion was passed are brought into compliance. b) The Village insurance underwriter has deemed the slide and plans safe for use for children less than eight years of age.

27 Yes

32 No

Original Motion with Amendment of 6'8" was defeated

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September 2016 7.1 Advisory Committee Report - **Resolution of Recognition for Jennifer (Jenny) Montgomery**

Whereas: Jennifer (Jenny) Montgomery has served as the US Postal carrier for the Village of Arden from November 1999 through October 2016;

And, has met the needs in the community with personalized service;

And, has bridged the gap between community and governmental agencies by engaging the community and befriending the residents of the Village of Arden;

And, has become an integral part of life in the Village of Arden through her many engagements with the community beyond that of a mail carrier;

While, performing her official duties of delivering the mail throughout the Village of Arden with diligence, exuberance, and joy;

Be it resolved that the Village of Arden extends its appreciation of Jenny's service to the Village of Arden and for her involvement in our community.

Resolution Unanimously Accepted

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September 2016 3.0 Town Chair Communications Report - Clarification of Motion

After some discussion with the parliamentarian, it appears that Robert's Rules does allow for a motion to be altered after the question has been called. To do this under Robert's, a specific motion would have to be made and requires unanimous consent of the Assembly. However, our charter only requires a majority on all motions. I will continue to get clarity on this matter – once he has had a chance to listen to the March meeting.

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September 2016 11.6 Community Planning - Motion to Establish Policy

Policy Establishing Expenditures from the Registration of Vacant Dwellings Ordinance #15

Purpose

Motions/Resolutions Presented

This policy is designed to define both the purpose and process for use of funds collected from the *Annual Registration of Vacant Dwelling and Registration Fees Ordinance #15*. Use of this fund is restricted to the indented purpose of the Ordinance which is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Arden and to encourage civic engagement throughout the Village.

Process

- All collected money from the Ordinance will be accounted for as a separate Village fund in perpetuity.
- Any resident of Arden can submit a project to spend this fund by presenting it before a Committee. If the Committee accepts the project it will send the

project to Community Planning Committee for their review and incorporate it in their report at the next Town meeting.

- Community Planning Committee will review the project to ensure that it meets the purpose of the fund and if so present it to the Village Officers for final approval.
- The Village Officers will review the project and have the final approval for the expenditure of this fund.

Motion Questioned called

Policy to establishing expenditures from Registration of Vacant Dwelling Ordinance #15

Motion Passed Unanimously

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September 2016 3.1 Change in Law - State and Federal Voting Eligibility in Arden Elections

In compliance with state and federal law, we have eliminated the 6-month waiting period for voter eligibility in Arden elections. The Registration Committee is revising all our voting instructions to reflect this change. If you live in the Village of Arden, if your Arden address is your permanent domicile, and you are 18 years of age or older, you are now eligible to vote in Arden elections.

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January 2017 5.0 Visitors

Motion#1 - Support for Beaver Valley from Village of Arden

We move to secure from the Village of Arden a letter of strong support for the Brandywine Conservancy's commitment to purchase the two hundred forty (240)

acres of land in Beaver Valley, PA adjacent to Delaware's First State National Historical Park. Affiliated organizations include Save The Valley, Beaver Valley Conservancy and Beaver Valley Preservation Alliance.

Motion Passed Unanimously

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Motion #2 – Funding Beaver Valley from Village of Arden

We move to approve the donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) by the Village of Arden to the Brandywine Conservancy for the sole use of the Beaver Valley Pennsylvania purchase with available funds at the end of fiscal year as determined by treasurer.

Motion Passed 32 to 27

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March 2017 12.0 Forest/Community Planning Committee's Joint Motion Proposing Arden to Purchase Property at 5 Mill Race Road.

Motion

It is moved that the Village of Arden purchase land at 5 Mill Race Road, Highland Woods parcel #0604500085 for public use to remain as undeveloped natural woodlands as part of the Arden Forest, and obtain up to \$110,000 from the Schroeder/Pendulum Fund as the source to acquire this land.

Hand Vote

Yes 78

No 2

Abstentions 2

Motion Approved